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2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY SENATOR HEWITT

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SENATE. Amends Senate rules to permit members to vote via video or other electronic means during a declared emergency.

A RESOLUTION

2	To adopt Senate Rules 12.6.1 and 13.8.1 of the Rules of Order of the Senate, relative to
3	voting during a declared emergency; to allow members to be counted as present in
4	the chamber; to allow members to vote via video conferencing or other electronic
5	means; to allow committees to conduct meetings and vote via video or other
6	electronic means during a declared emergency.
7	BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana adopts Senate
8	Rules 12.6.1 and 13.8.1. of the Rules of Order of the Senate to read as follows:
9	Rule 12.6.1. Voting during declared emergency
10	During an emergency as defined by R.S. 29:273 and 727(D) or a public health
11	emergency as defined by R.S. 29:762, a member shall be counted as present and vote
12	via video or other electronic means.
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14	Rule 13.8.1. Committees; declared emergency
15	During an emergency as defined by R.S. 29:273 and 727(D) or a public health
16	emergency as defined by R.S. 29:762, committees shall be permitted to conduct
17	meetings and vote via video or other electronic means.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

## DIGEST

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<u>Proposed rule</u> allows for members to be counted as present in the chamber and vote via video or other electronic means during a declared emergency.

<u>Proposed rule</u> enables Senate committees to conduct meetings and vote via video or other electronic means during a declared emergency.

(Adds Senate Rule 12.6.1 and 13.8.1)